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SUBJ: NEWSPAPER CLAIMS PRC INVOLVEMENT IN NARCOTICS

1. AFTERNOON HONG KONG ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPER, THE STAR,
AUGUST 7 CARRIES FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE CLAIMING UNNAMED SENIOR
HONG KONG MARINE POLICE OFFICER STATED FISHERMEN WERE SMUGGLING
HEROIN INTO HONG KONG FROM CHINA BY STUFFING IT INSIDE FISH.
ARTICLE CLAIMS FISH ARE BROUGHT OUT BY JUNKS FROM MAINLAND CHINA,
TRANSFERRED TO HONG KONG FISHING BOATS JUST OUTSIDE HONG KONG
WATERS, THEN BROUGHT INTO FISHING PORT AT SAME TIME AS OTHER
FISHING CRAFT. TOTAL NUMBER OF LOCAL FISHING BOATS, PROBLEMS OF
SEARCHING THROUGH FISH CATCHES IN HOT SUN AT TIME WHEN FISH
MARKETS OPENING, AND CLOSE FAMILY TIES OF FISHERMEN GIVEN AS
REASONS FOR DIFFICULTY IN POLICE BEING ABLE TO CONTROL SUCH TRAFFIC.

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2. NARCOTICS BUREAU CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT RUMBELOW INFORMED CONGEN OFFICER THAT HE HAD QUERIED MARINE POLICE CONCERNING THIS STORY. ALL SENIOR MARINE POLICE OFFICERS DENIED HAVING BEEN SOURCE. RUMBELOW ALSO STATED THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE SUCH A STORY AND HKG CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT PRC IS NOT INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFIC INTO HONG KONG.

3. LATER EDITION OF THE STAR ON SATURDAY CARRIED DENIAL BY ASST COMMISSIONER OF POLICE THAT THERE ANY SUBSTANCE TO STORY'S CLAIM.
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